

**MINUTES**  
**LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**AUGUST 18, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Directors Marc Liechti, Jim Heim, Roxanne Wadman, Howard Cicon, and Todd Fleming, and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, and Beth Dotson, Secretary

**ABSENT:** None

Director Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**AGENDA:** A motion was made by Director Cicon to accept the agenda as presented. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

**VISITORS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of the July 21, 2020 Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the minutes as presented. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The financial reports were presented by the General Manager. A motion was made by Director Cicon to approve the financial report. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

**BILL APPROVAL:** Accounts payable for July 2020 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed.

The Capital One credit card statements for July 2020 were also reviewed.

A motion was made by Director Wadman to approve the bills. Director Cicon seconded, and motion carried.

**DELINQUENT REPORT:** Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Water and Sewer Rates – Met with Dan Kramer, Montana Rural Water Association, to discuss a public meeting to present the rate increase. A second meeting is scheduled for August 24.

New Lakeside Well – preparing a deviation request to the DNRC for well placement.

**Projects Update**

Lakeside Club – none

Cooper Farms – Mark Owens contacted Director Liechti regarding the \$100,000 LCWSD currently holds in reserve for a housing development of 800 units. The agreement was extended for an additional seven (7) years to 2027. He wants to use some of this money for water infrastructure development. The agreement states that this money is for hookup fees near the end of the project. With the treatment site expansion required to service this development, the Board is not willing to renegotiate the use of these monies at this time. However, LCWSD may consider renegotiating if the number of desired lots is lowered from the current 800 units.

Lakeside Estates Phase 3 – roads have been paved.

Blacktail Estates – the water lines have been installed and will be pressure tested.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Phone System – As the current phone system was failing, LCWSD switched to a high-speed internet service and is converting to a VOIP phone system.

Sunset Ridge Water Leak – Prior to LCWSD taking over the Mission View water system there was an old line that serviced three (3) lots (trailers). There was also an unused frost-free hydrant that was locked by LCWSD. These trailers have since been removed and residences built. This main line is under the foundation of one of these residences. The leak was located, repaired, and the frost-free hydrant removed. One of the homeowners requested that this old line be removed. Because the line has been repaired no further action is required at this time. A letter will be written to the concerned homeowner.

Water Split in Accounting – LCWSD currently operates four (4) water systems. Accounting has tracked each system individually within the water fund. As all the monies come from the same fund, a recommendation was made to combine the water systems within the water fund to simplify accounting. The LCWSD auditor will be contacted for input. The Board approved combining the four (4) water systems if the auditor feels there are no obstacles.

There were two (2) new sewer hookups inside the District boundaries .

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Dotson, Secretary

**(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020)**